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<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A method of effecting degeneration of a somatic plant tissue of a plant by expressing in cells of the somatic plant tissue a heterologous protein capable of binding a plant essential factor, wherein expressing the heterologous protein is effected in a fashion, so as to lead to depletion of the essential factor such that plant viability is maintained, while at the same time, degeneration of the somatic plant tissue is effected.</p>		